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SUBJ: MTN: IMPASSE IN AGRICULTURE GROUP

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1. SUMMARY: BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE EC ON OCTOBER 2 FAILED TO RESOLVE SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES REGARDING THE FUTURE WORK PROGRAM OF GROUP AGRICULTURE. GROUP CHAIRMAN PATTERSON WAS INFORMED ABOUT IMPASSE AND AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS HAS POSTPONED OCTOBER 3 PLENARY MEETING OF AGRICULTURE GROUP INDEFINITELY. END SUMMARY

2. BILATERAL MEETING WITH EC (PIZZUTI, LUYTEN, JACQUOT) TOOK PLACE MORNING OF OCTOBER 2. MEETING WAS CHARACTERIZED BY IMPASSE FROM THE BEGINNING ON QUESTION OF LINK BETWEEN THE WORK OF AGRICULTURE GROUP AND THAT OF OTHER GROUPS. THE EC REJECTED THE IDEA OF JOINT MEETINGS BETWEEN AGRICULTURE GROUP AND FUNCTIONAL GROUPS AND THEREFORE, ALSO, THE IDEA OF INCORPORATING ANY SOLUTION WORKED OUT JOINTLY IN THE GENERAL SOLUTIONS ELABORATED BY THE FUNCTIONAL GROUPS. MOREOVER, THE EC REJECTED ANY SPECIAL NOTIFICATION AND CONSULTATIONS PROCEDURES ON QR'S. IT RERATED ITS VIEW THAT QR'S ON "OTHER PRODUCTS" SHOULD BE PART AND PARCEL OF THE GENERAL PROCEDURES OF THE AGRICULTURE GROUP DEALING WITH "OTHER PRODUCTS." I.E., IN THIS CONTEXT QR'S WOULD BE TREATED TOGETHER WITH TARIFF AND OTHER NON-TARIFF MEASURES. HOWEVER, NO QR CONSULTATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE WITH REGARD TO PRODUCTS COVERED BY THE THREE AGRICULTURAL SUBGROUPS. IN ESSENCE, THE EC ARGUED IN FAVOR OF FULL AUTONOMY, NOT ONLY FOR THE THREE AGRICULTURAL SUBGROUPS, BUT ALSO FOR THE AGRICULTURE GROUP ITSELF. THE C THEREFORE REJECTD LANGUAGE FOR THE WORK PROGRAM AS PROPOSED BY THE U.S. PER INSTRUCTIONS (REFS A AND B).

3. AS A RESULT OF IMPASSE BOTH SIDES QUESTIONED USEFULNESS OF CONTINUING WITH PLNARY SESSION ON OCTOBER 3. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO INFORM PATTRSON OF LACK OF PROGRESS AND LEFT IT TO HIS DECISION IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER DELGATIONS WHETHER TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOLD PLENARY AS SCHEDULED. PATTERSON SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED US THAT HE HAD POSTPONED PLNARY INDEFINITELY.

4. WE ASSUME WORK IN SUBGROUPS WILL PROGRESS AS SCHEDULED WITH MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS: MEAT -- OCTOBER 6; DAIRY -- OCTOBER 13; GRAINS -- OCTOBER 20.

5. WE UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY THAT PIZZUTI WAS UNDER

INSTRUCTIONS TO EXPLAIN EC POSITION AS CLARLY AS
POSSIBLE AND IF NO AGREEMENT AWITH US REACHED THE
C WOULD TAKE INITIATIVE TO CALL FOR A HIGH LEVEL
MEETING.

6. ATMOSPHERE OF MEETING WAS NON-POLEMIC AND BUSINESS-LIKE WITH NO RECRIMINATIONS OR THREATS ABOUT IMPACT OF IMPASSE ON OTHER MTN WORK.WALKER

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